present to introduce a direct ordinary train between Madras and Mysore due to operational and resource constraints besides lack of traffic justification.

(d) Does not arise.

Modernization of Railway Stations

4114. SHRI ANANTH KUMAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total estimated layout for the expansion/modernization of the Railway Stations in Hubli and Bangalore and the total expenditure incurred thereon upto 30th March, 1996;

(b) the estimated amount likely to be spent for the purpose during the year 1996-97; and

(c) the details of the proposed expansion and modernization of the Railway Stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c) Expansion/modernization of railway stations is a continuous process and is undertaken, as and when so warranted, by the increase in the volume of passenger traffic subject to the availability of funds and relative priorities.

Hubli and Bangalore stations have already been provided with the facilities commensurate with the volume of passenger traffic handled at these stations.

At Bangalore City railway station, a work of provision of escalators for subway on platform no. 1, 5 and 6 is in progress. The expenditure on this work upto March, 1996 was Rs. 50 lakh and the outlay for 1996-97 is Rs. 106 lakh.

At Hubli, no work is proposed to be undertaken at present.

[Translation]

Theft by Smack Drug-Addicts

4115. SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is an increase in the incidents of theft by the smack drug-addicts in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDERJIT GUPTA) : (a) and (b) According to the Delhi Police, 101 cases of theft by the drug addicts were reported in Delhi during the current year (upto 31.7.1996) as against 74 such cases during the corresponding period of last year.

(c) The steps taken by the Delhi Police to prevent such incidents include, inter-alia, strict surveillance at the airport, ISBTs and railway stations, strict vigil in other vulnerable areas, a close watch over suspected drug traffickers/peddlers in various colonies, patrolling, laying of traps, introduction of Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, etc.

Prawn Culture

4116. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the places where prawn culture has been started in Orissa by the Central Government, State Government and the private parties;

(b) whether external assistance has been availed by the Government as well as the private parties to promote prawn culture in the States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Prawn culture activities have been undertaken by private entrepreneurs in potential brackishwater areas available all along the Orissa Coast. No commercial prawn culture is undertaken by the Central or State Governments.

(b) and (c) A World Bank assisted Shrimp and Fish Culture Project is being implemented in five States including Orissa from May, 1992. 90% of the project cost has been provided as soft loan by the World Bank. A net brackishwater area of 871 hectares has been included under this project at Jagatjore-Banapada, Bideipur and Narendrapur sites along with support services at an estimated cost of Rs. 62.41 crores. The support services for which assistance is given to private entrepreneurs include shrimp hatcheries, feed mills, IQF Plants, etc.

Subsidy to the Farmers

4117. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the subsidy being extended to the farmers in the country as compared to the farmers in USA and other developed countries;

(b) whether subsidy extended to our farmers has declined gradually;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken for providing subsidy at par with the other developed countries?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) The estimates of producer subsidy equivalent (net of input subsidies and out

put taxes) as percentage of value of agricultural production as worked out by Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) for 1990 and that in an article published in Economic and Political Weekly (EPW) September 26, 1992 are given below

Country	Producer subsidy equivalent as percentage of value of Agricultural Production	
	OECD	EPW
Japan	68	72.5
EC	48	37.0
USA	30	26.2
Canada	41	33.5
Australia	11	10.3
India	—	-2.3

(b) and (d) The subsidies on fertiliser, irrigation and electricity have exhibited a rising trend as is evident from the statement enclosed.

STATEMENT

Details of Subsidies to Agricultural Sector

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No	Item	1992-93 (Actuals)	1993-94 (Actuals)	1994-95 (Actuals)	1995-96 (RE)	1996-97 (B.E.)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Subsidy to Agricultural Sector through inputs						
1.	Fertilizer (Total)	5796	4562	5772	6735	8372
	1.1 Indegenous Fertilizer	4800	3800	4075	4300	4500
	1.2 Imported Fertilizer	996	762	1166	1935	1648
	1.3 Sale of decontrolled fertilizer with concession to farmers	—	—	531	500	2224
2	Electricity **	1927	2408	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
3.	Irrigations***	5235	5945	6828+	N.A.	N.A

Note :

N.A. Not Available as these are provided in the State budgets.

** Electricity includes all subsidies to electricity boards and corporations. Seperate estimates of electricity subsidy accountable exclusively to agricultural sector is not available.

*** The rates for supply of water to farmers are kept low as a matter of policy, resulting in losses to the Government irrigation system. The excess of operating costs over the gross revenue is treated as inputed irrigation subsidy.

\+ Quick Estimates

(a) Be proposed in the Central budget.

Price of Pentoxypylline

4118. DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the date on which BICP recommend price of Pentoxypylline and Lynestrenol formulations to the Ministry and the prices recommended;

(b) the prices fixed by the Ministry; and

(c) the prices charged for the formulation packs by the leading companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) The prices of the formulations based on the bulk drug Pentoxyphylline were recommended in the 40th Meeting of the DPRC Sub-Committee held on 12.4.96 and prices were fixed for these formulations on 30.8.96 as under :

Sl. No.	Name of the formulation and Strength	pack size	Price fixed (Rs.)
1.	Pantoxyphylline 400mg SR. Tabs.	10's Strip	24.14*
2.	Pentoxphyllin Inj/20 mg.	15 ml Amp.	5.22*

* (SO No. 598 (E) datect 30-8-1996)

The prices of formulations based on the bulk drug Lynestrenol were recommended in the 28th Meeting of the DPRC Sub-Committee held on 23.11.1995 as non ceiling-price in respect of M/s. Infar (Formerly M/s. Organon India Ltd.). The prices recommended were as follow :

Sl. No.	Name of the Formulation	Pack size	Price recommended
1.	Lyndiol Tabs.	22's	7.40
2.	Lyndiol Tabs.	21's	7.04
3.	Orgalutin Tabls.	10's	7.12
4.	Orgametril Tab.	10's	13.20